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## One-Act Plays To Be Presented In College Auditorium, March 6

Play Night, an annual event produced by the Campus Players and play production class, has been set for 7:30, Monday night, March 6 in the college auditorium.

Five one-act plays have been chosen for this presentation, and casting has been completed by the student directors, according to Mrs. Ruth Owings, speech instructor.

President Carl Cutti appointed committee chairmen at the regular Campus Players meeting as follows: Mary Schwarz, ushers; Javier Guerra, posters; and Martha McCarty, publicity.

First play on the bill of five will be "Good Night," starring Mary Nan Kone and Jim Atwood under the direction of anice Pummil.

## Magic of Met Brought To ERC

Lavitz Melchior sang to a record audience at the last Cultural Art program, Feb. 17, in the College Auditorium.

The heart of the people was won instantly, as the giant Viking appeared on the stage looking like a wonderful and kindly giant from a fairy tale.

On this the 24th anniversary of his beginning at the Metropolitan Opera, Melchior brought all the magic of a singer's art with him. It was a wholly delightful program from "Lower your head You Flower," by Carl Nielsen, at the beginning, to "Because," by d'Hardelot, at the close of the program. The audience was thrilled a the very last of many encores, to be asked to join the great singer in "Vive la Compagnie."

Mr. Melchior seemed to enjoy singing the encores as much as the crowd enjoyed hearing them. Leonard Eisner, his excellent accompanist, was just about left limp from the many encores he received from his instrumental solos.

## Crawford, Member Of SMU Newspaper

Miss Marilyn Crawford, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Crawford of McAllen, is now assistant society editor for THE CAMPUS, Southern Methodist University paper. She attended ERC last year and was active in many clubs on the campus.

ERC students who played leading roles in the production, "It's a Date," sponsored by the Edinburg Lions Club, last week were Jackie Meeker, Ginger Brown; Don Stout, Joe Brown; impersonation of Lena Horn by Marina Chaps, and a novelty tap dance by Martha Sibley and Mary Jo Tinkler. Proceeds from the show went to buying glasses for underprivileged children.

Helen, Mitchel and Caroline Goodson combine forces to produce "The Theft," a serious comedy based on the theft of a pearl necklace. Leola Norman, Kitty Sue Allen, Richard Shrank and Paul Silvernale will make up the cast.

Jackie Meeker and Bob Hankel will star in "The Artist," which will be directed by Janet Shaley and Evelyn Barker.

A satire on psycho-analysis, "Suppressed Desires," will be staged by Marilyn Osburn and Dorothy Sherman and ack Grever.

Betty Pat Jones and Jean Nelson close the evening of plays with Sir James Barrie's "The Old Lady Shows Her Medals," starring Ann Harrison, Nina Slay, Romeo Hinson, Jean Nelson and Betty Pat Jones.

An admission of 40 cents for adults and students will be charged.

## Typical Joe 'N Jane To Reign At Dance

Representatives from the various high schools in the Valley will be honor guests at the annual Joe 'N Jane Dance March 5 at the college gym. A typical Joe 'N Jane from the college will be selected to reign during the dance.

Miss Barbara McDougle is in charge of the floor show and Miss Nadine Green, decorations. Plans of both will be kept secret until the day of the dance.

Tickets may be obtained for 50c until March 1, when prices will be raised to \$1 stag or drag. Mary Schwarz is ticket chairman but any member of the Freshman class will be glad to sell tickets to you.

The Sex Silhouettes Orchestra of McAllen has been booked to play.

## Bronc Boosters Elect Seven New Members

Bronc Boosters elected seven new members at their recent dinner meeting in the Edinburg Hotel.

New members are Fidencio Garza and Jaime Gorenza, Mercedes; Eddy Boyd, Jones, Harold Billings, and Tommy Siegrist, Edinburg and Jack Yarbrough and Corky Block, Weslaco.

A dinner party in McAllen's Bamboo Room, Friday, Feb. 24 is the next social activity.

Pres. Hank Sasser said, "The banquet will give the new members an opportunity to meet their co-workers."

There was considerable discussion about this year's "Miss X-tasy" who is destined to become "Sweetheart of ERC." James Atwood, vice-president of the service organization said, "We must uphold the tradition of the club, by making the sweetheart of the Bronc Boosters become the Sweetheart of the College."

## Margaret Truman Appears On Cultural Arts Thursday



Margaret Truman

## Two Sophomores From McAllen Edit Beacon For Second Term

Two sophomores from McAllen, Don Swanson and Walter Kelly, are editing THE BEACON for the second semester of school this year.

Sawson, who was assistant editor of the first semester, is the new editor, and Kelly is assistant editor for the new term. He was news editor during the first semester.

Swanson is a graduate of McAllen High School, where he was sports editor of the WHEEL, high school paper, for two years. He is president of the Photography Club, a member of Gamma Delta Upsilon, Journalism Club, Student Senate, and the track team. In addition to his school activities, he is employed by the Valley Evening Monitor and YMCA in McAllen.

Kelly was a reporter for the high school paper in McAllen for three years and was a reporter for THE BEACON last year. He is a member of the Journalism Club, Clee Club, and Campus Players and is employed in the afternoons at Jones Office Supply in McAllen.

Succeeding Kelly as news editor is Margaret Bishop, who served as editor for the first semester. Mrs. Bishop is a member of the Future Teachers of America, Chorus Home Economics, and Future Business Leaders of America. She has been a member of

the Hidalgo County News staff in Edinburg for more than a year.

Steve Condos, another McAllen graduate, is feature editor. He is president of the sophomore class, a member of the Student Senat. Bronco Boosters, formerly of Toronto Canada.

Beatriz Barrera of Edinburg is the circulation manager, and Gene Brian, Pharr; Alfredo R. Barrera, Edinburg; Pat Brown, Mercedes; and Valerie Hemeway, Mercedes, are reporters.

## University of Texas Instructor To Judge One-Act Play Festival

Professor Beryl Cass, formerly with Yale University and now an instructor in acting at the University of Texas, will be the critic judge for the first One-Act Play Festival of the South Texas Conference of Junior Colleges to be held in the Edinburg College Auditorium on the afternoon and evening of Friday, March 17.

At the close of the festival, Professor Cass will give a general discussion of the plays, and this will be followed by a special discussion, for the actors and directors.

Edinburg has sent plays to the State Play Contest for Junior Colleges at Hillsboro for the last

## Valley Debut For Young Soprano

Miss Margaret Truman, lyric soprano, will appear March 2, in the Edinburg Regional College Auditorium as one of a series of programs presented by Cultural Arts, Inc. this year.

As an artist, Miss Truman has been treated kindly by critics all over the nation, but never fully praised.

Judging from the enthusiastic applause showered upon the gracious young Missouri woman, who is the daughter of President Harry S. Truman, she would most likely be equally successful had her name been Jane Doe. This observation may be completely wrong, but any artist with the charm and appealing graciousness shown by Miss Truman is bound to win a large audience here.

The young soprano is poised and well-schooled in stage bearing and the acceptance of her audience. She is not only congenial with what she is offering in the way of a program, but seems to have almost an affection for her audience.

Although Miss Truman does not have a large voice, she is a close watcher of all the technical requirements to make tones true in pitch and an accuracy in musical content of a song.

Her rhythm and phrasing are flawless. She has a thoughtfulness in interpretation. She is a very neat and interestingly absorbing musician and singer for the observing listener.

A former ERC student, Margaret Owings, has been selected to play the lead in a student written production, Jaquelyn at TSCW in Denton. The cast will present five performances during the week of March 5.

13 years, with the exception of the war years. Last year, when the seven South Texas junior colleges formed the South Texas Conference, Corpus Christi was selected as the location for the 1950 public speaking events and Edinburg as the location of the Play Festival. Mrs. Ruth Owings is acting director here.

Junior colleges included in this conference are Wharton County Junior College, Southwest Texas Junior College at Uvalde, Laredo Junior College, Del Mar College of Corpus Christi, Victoria Junior College, Edinburg Regional College, and Texas Southwest College.

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## APPEALS COMMITTEE FUNCTIONS . . .

An appeals committee has recently been organized in ERC to help obtain a compromise between the students and faculty on the absentee situation.

Dr. S. D. Hendrix, a member of the committee which is composed of two teachers and three students, said, "the faculty realizes that the present system of cuts and absences is too strict but because the way students took advantage of the lenient rules last year, the administration had to clamp down on student privileges. Only with the aid of each student will a favorable plan be worked out."

According to Mr. H. H. Gauding, registrar, the fact that a student did not need a doctor's excuse to have an absence excused, and the way students abused the privilege not only works a hardship on both the students and teachers, but causes the office to have to keep extra records and files that require many hours of work. As Mr. Gauding says, it isn't fair to the student who cuts class, the students in the class, or the teacher for a student to continually miss a class—once or twice isn't so bad, but what can a person gain from a class that he has cut fifteen or twenty times?

Rules for presenting a case before the appeals committee have been posted on the bulletin board.

## AIN'T AIN'T PROPER . . .

Will Rogers once observed during the depression that "a lot o' people who don't say 'ain't ain't eating'."

The Rogers epigram is often quoted by defenders of "ain't." But the epigram, being only a half-truth, proves nothing except the Rogers genius for witty, ingenious sayings. Let us take a word's eye view of "ain't." It may help us to decide whether to use it or avoid it.

"Ain't" is a corruption of an old expression for "am not." It was originally written "ahnt" and pronounced: ahnt. By some unexplained linguistic quirk "ahnt" lost one of its apostrophes and grew an excrement and meaningless "i," becoming "ain't," which took on the spelling pronunciation "ain't" (to rhyme with paint), and in illiterate speech "hain't."

Now another strange thing happened. Because the spelling "ain't" and the pronunciation "ain't" no longer suggested "am not," the word "ain't" became a monstrous word-of-all-work for "am not," is not, are not, has not! and "have not," etc. "I ain't going; he ain't going; they ain't going; he ain't gone; they ain't gone."

So much for the history of "ain't." The important question now is this: Should one use "ain't" or avoid it. My own feeling about it is this: "Ain't" with the pronoun I is a not too serious stoplight in informal conversation. Nevertheless, since most authorities and nearly all teachers condemn "ain't" for "am not" as illiterate or dialectal, and since many people are violently opposed to it, my recommendation for what it may be worth, is: "Don't use 'ain't' with the pronoun I."

As for "ain't" for "are we not, is not, has not, have not," I never hear it without being reminded of the story about the illiterate old Negro who had been told that his son had married:

"Look here, boy, is you married?"

"I ain't said I ain't."

"I ain't asked you is you ain't; I asked you is you is. Is you?"

Therefore, my final recommendation is: Don't use "ain't" at all.

## Radio Class Presents Edie And Regie At ERC

Beginning Saturday, February 25, at 9:45 over Radio Station KURV—710 on your radio dial—the radio class of Edinburg Regional College initiated a series of programs entitled "Edie and Regie at ERC" to be presented at that same time for the remainder of the semester.

This is the third spring that the college radio class has worked with KURV to bring the news of the college and its activities to people interested in the school. This year's series will attempt to dramatize sensations and experiences met by new students on the campus.

The first program of the series

was recorded in assembly Tuesday, February 21, so that all the students become familiar with the cast of these productions and understand some of the problems occurring in the broadcasts.

All scripts are written, acted, and produced by members of the radio class (Speech 223) of which Mrs. Ruth Owings is the instructor.

Appearing in the cast were Bob Hankal as Edie, Jackie Meeker as Regie, Rene Sones and Marilyn Richardson as the girls in the Union Building, and Martha McCarty, Marylin Chapin and Dorothy Sterling as the girls watching basketball practice in the gym. Luis Alvarado announces the program in Spanish and Jim McLeish and Van Sidener announces it in English.

## Southwestern Folklore Collected In Library

Gerdine Pratt, ERC librarian, recently announced that a collection of fifteen volumes of Texas and Southwestern folklore have been added to the library's resources.

The books are official publications of the Texas Folklore Society. James Frank Dobie and Mody C. Boatright, both nationally known in this field, share honors as editors of the series.

Many familiar names appear on the contributors list to these volumes among them being Florence Scott of Rio Grande City who has an article on Customs and Superstitions Among Texas Mexicans.

Titles of many of the volumes are intriguing. For example, *Folger de Drinkin' Gourd*, which was taken from the fact that the runaway slaves used the big dipper as a guide on their way north; and *Coffee in the Gourd* which was derived from an old square dance call.

## Pastels, Water Colors Exhibited At College

Some pastels and water colors of Mrs. Helen Jeffries of Donna, Texas, were on display at Edinburg Regional College last week. The exhibit was held in the Home Economics Department on the second floor of the Science Building and was open each day from 8 a. m. to 5 p. m.

Mrs. Jeffries has specialized in portrait work and in studies of children. She works in several media—watercolor, pastels, and oil. She won a Carol Sax scholarship at Lexington, Kentucky, and a Pratt Institute scholarship. She is a self-taught artist, however, as she was unable to avail herself of either scholarship.

Her work has been displayed in Ottumwa, Iowa, where Grant Wood was one of the judges. At this exhibit she won two first places, one in oils and one in watercolors.

## Fourteen Students Selected To Represent ERC In Who's Who

Fourteen students of ERC have been chosen to represent the college in the Who's Who section of the 1950 Annual.

Two students from the different clubs and organizations of the school were selected by the members of each group and then presented in a list of 26 and the faculty cut the selection down to seven girls and seven boys.

These were chosen on a basis of scholarship, personality, and participation in student activities.

Virginia Munger, a sophomore from Santa Rosa, is a member of F.T.A. and Secretary of the Home Economics Club.

Berrie Floyd, sophomore from Edinburg, is a member of F.T.A., Host and Hostess, Glee Club, and Home Economics.

June Shaw, annual editor, Phi Theta Kappa, F.B.I.A., F.T.A., Student Senate, Journalism Club, Bronckettes, Host and Hostess, and Secretary of the Sophomore class.

Martha Stephens, a sophomore from Pharr, assistant annual edi-

## Rings Lead Girls' Fashion Parade; Boys Make Run On Loud Clothes

Miss Geraldine Bowers obtained a very odd ring recently on her tour of Port Isabel. The shell stone of many colors is set in a raised silver setting.

Speaking of rings, the third finger left hand for many girls now has a beautiful diamond. Lucky girls with sparkling assets are Marilyn Osborne, Marynelle Newcombe, Virginia Munger, Helen Mitchell, Fidelia Guerra, Mary Jo Tinkler, Martha Shibley, Catalina de la Rosa, Kittie Sue Allen, and Dorothy Sherman.

Mr. Harlan Mize and Gene Park brighten the campus with their maroon jackets (the latest zoo-suit fashion in New York). Corduroy suits for girls are popular during these months of un-

## Host And Hostess Club Elects Killough, Kirgan

Billy Killough and Peggy Kirgan were elected vice-president and secretary, respectively, of the Host and Hostess Club, Thursday.

The club voted to help the Campus Players sponsor the Play Festival to be held here March 17. President Jim Atwood appointed a committee to meet with a similar committee from the Campus Players to plan a party for the actors and directors.

## Sophomores Take Heed Of Freshman Knowledge

Sophomores beware! Don't tell a freshman you don't go west.

Students in Miss Phyllis Phillips' English 123 class recently were discussing the various definitions of words and came to the term "to come to the end of one's definition."

The literary definition is "to die, or give up the ghost," colloquial, "to pass away," slang, "kick the bucket, or go west," and illiterate, "to croak, or to be bumped off."

Betty Pat Jones, Freshman from Pharr, is Treasurer of Campus Players, and a member of Bronckettes.

Barbara McDougale, Freshman from Mission, Secretary of Bronckettes, and a member of the Glee Club, Host and Hostess, and Student Senate.

Helen Grabowski, Sophomore from Pharr, is a member of Phi Theta Kappa and Class Editor of the Annual.

Donald Swanson, Sophomore from McAllen, Editor of the Beacon, President of the Photography Club, and a member of the Student Senate, Gamma Delta Upsilon, and Journalism Club.

Billy Killough, Sophomore from Edinburg, is Vice-President of Host and Hostess Club, and the Sophomore class, and a member of Bruco Boosters.

Walter Kelly, Sophomore from

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predictable weather. Owners and their colors are Mary Jo Tinkler, cocoa, Dorothy Layne, baby blue; Doris Birkenholz, tan; Dorothy Gessup and Margaret, Bishop, brown; Peggy Baughman, red; Nancy Stephens, yellow; Mary Nan Fleen, green; Viola Villarreal, maroon; and Lucrecia Lopez, tomato.

Brightening the classroom during dull times are the checkered socks of Bill Killough, including colors red, green and yellow; gray background with yellow, brown, and orange of Bud Prothero; and maroon background with red lines of Heriberto Solis.

As the spring semester draws near, more and more girls are clipping their hair to make it a "feather cut." These are Gladys Mendez, Nina Ruth Slay, Barbara McDougale, Olive Treat, Elvira Guerra, Pat Barnes, Martha Stephens and Susie Torres.

To include this week's column, plain-colored shirts are all the "rage" for boys. The red of Albert Strobel and Robert Park; lime green of Fidencio Garza; yellow of Walter Kelly; royal blue of Joquin Solis; and brown of Steve Condos.

## Exchange Papers Filed in Library

Twenty-five newspapers from Texas colleges and universities are now on file in the library reading room, according to Miss Geraldine Pratt, librarian.

The papers are being obtained through the exchange department of THE BEACON, and those not available may be requested from the exchange editor, Val Hemenway.

The papers are listed alphabetically, according to the name of the school: A&J College, Kinsville, THE SOUTH TEXAN; Amarillo College, THE RANGER, Billin College, Brenham, JOLLY ROGERS LOG; Boise Junior College, Boise, Idaho, THE ROUND-UP; Del Mar College, Corpus Christi, POGHORN; Kilgore College, Kilgore, THE FLARE; Lamar College, Beaumont, THE REDBIRD; Laredo Junior College, Laredo, THE ROUND-UP; Mesa College, Grand Junction, Colorado, CRITERION; Navarro Junior College, Corsicana, THE GROW.

Also North Texas State Teachers College, Denton, THE CAMPUS CHAT; Paris Junior College, Paris, THE BAT; Phoenix College, Phoenix, Arizona, BEAR TRACKS; San Angelo, College San Angelo, THE SAGE; San Antonio, THE MOUNTAINEER; S.M.U., Dallas, HE SMU CAMPUS; S. T. S. T. C., San Marcos, THE COLLEGE STAR; Sul Ross, Alpine, SKYLINE; St. Edwards University, Austin, THE HILTOPPER; Texas Southern College, Houston, THE COLLEGIAN; San Antonio College, San Antonio, THE JAYCEE RANGER; T. S. C. W., Denton, THE DAILY-O; Trinity University, San Antonio, THE TRINITYMAN; and Victoria College, Victoria, THE JOLLY ROGER.

There are, in addition, Valley high school papers.



## Octet, Quintet Change Tempo

The Octet and Quintet, under the direction of Mrs. Homer Morris, have changed their tempo. During the first semester, most of the music was classical, religious, and folk songs, but the tempo has changed to old popular songs.

The Octet lost one of its members, Silva Ortega, at the close of the semester but Bennie Floyd took her place. The members of the Octet are: Peggy McDonald, Hazel Hildebrand, Marina Chapa, Bennie Louise Floyd, Dorothy Sterling, Barbara Lou Jones, Beatriz Barrera, and Lucrecia Lopez. Some of the new favorites among the members of the Octet are: "Tea For Two," "All the Things You Are," and "In the Still of the Night."

Members of the Quintet are: Patty Doshier, George Branch, Warner Wicks, Tommy Siegrist, and Bob Ellison, and they prefer: "The Whiffenpoof Song," "I've Told Every Little Star," "Blue Room," "Blue Skies," and "Who Stole My Heart Away."

Both organizations have received numerous invitations to sing from different Valley towns and organizations, Mrs. Morris said.

## Art Exhibit Features Southwestern Scenes

"Art in the Spanish Southwest," a collection of water colors, is being exhibited on the second floor of the Science Building, beginning this week, states Miss Yvonne Force, college art instructor.

"These paintings, 36 in all, are part of 32,000 done by WPA artists who were commissioned by the government during the depression of the early 1930's," she said.

The pictures are original copies of actual paintings, statues, churches and other famous points of interest throughout the Southwest.

The group is being loaned by the National Art Galleries, Washington, D. C., and will be at the college for two weeks. They may be viewed Monday through Saturday from 8:30 a. m. to 4:00 p. m.

## Sophs Re-Elect Condos, Killough, June Shaw

Sophomores Tuesday re-elected Steve Condos, president; Bill Killough, vice president, and June Shaw, secretary.

This marks the third semester that Condos has been president of his class. In the fall he plans to attend Texas U. and major in law.

Vice president Killough has been an outstanding student and athlete. He has lettered two years with the Broncos and is also vice-president of the Student Senate.

June Shaw, editor of El Bronco, spends a large part of her time on the annual, but makes the Honor Roll regularly.

### Bump Me, Bud!

Now I lay me down to sleep,  
The lecturer's dry, the subject deep  
If he should stop before I wake,  
Bump  
Bump  
Bump  
sakes!



H. A. Hodges, director of the college, seems to have the situation well in hand as he and Acting Mayoor Juan de la Viña greet the personable Melchior at the airport. Mr. Melchior later appeared before a "Standing Room Only" audience at the college auditorium. Melchior, a Metropolitan Opera star for the past 24 years, was presented by Cultural Arts. Cultural Arts next presentation will be Margaret Truman, March 2. L. R. Melchior, de la Viña, Hodges, and Mrs. Melchior.

## MEET THE SOPHOMORES

Aspiring to become one of the famous students of the college is Patty Doshier, a pert little brunette from Edcouch. She has sung at many weddings in the Rio Grande Valley. Her favorite pastime is, of course, music. She likes it while away the hours listening to records. In the near future Patty plans to attend A&I to major in "the only universal tongue." Throughout her attendance at ERC, Patty has been a valuable asset, both as a chanteuse and as an active girl in student organization.

One of the spryest students on the campus is Bill Solesher of Weslaco. Bill, who attended Trinity University last year, plans to attend Texas A&M and major in Agricultural marketing. He is intensely interested in the marketing of citrus in the Rio Grande Valley, in fact he plans to make this field his vocation. His hobbies are dancing, fishing, hunting, and all forms of sports. While in high school, he was selected for the 1944 and 1945 All-Valley football squads.

From Millsaps College of Jackson, Mississippi, is Katherine McWhorter of Donna. This attractive girl's ambition is to become an airline hostess. Her hobbies are skating, horseback riding and dancing. Next year, Katherine plans to attend Texas University and major in elementary education. Besides her two dimples which is well known for playing the piano by ear.

The owner of that flashy Chevrolet convertible is Tommy Boyce

from Donna. As most of you know the Boyce family is nationally famous for their "Boy Ace" tomatoes. Tommy plans to go into the tomato business after graduating from Texas U. Right now, he likes to spend his time fishing, hunting, boat riding and dancing.

Stuart Williams was born in McAllen. After graduating from McAllen high school, he went to work for Consolidated Vultee, airplane manufacturers, in Fort Worth. Later, he served 21 months with the 13th Airborne Division. Collecting stamps is his main hobby. Stuart plans to attend Texas University, where he will major in electrical engineering. During the summer he is employed by the Texas Agricul-

## ERC Agriculture Class Tours Texsun Plant

Dr. Joe B. Corns' class in grading, handling and marketing of fruits and vegetables made its first field trip Monday, visiting the Texsun Juice Processing Plant at Weslaco.

The students, most of whom had never had an occasion to visit a canning plant before, learned that, besides the main product which was the juice, many by-products were obtained from the citrus fruit, including a molasses which was mixed with dehydrated peat and used for cow feed.

The class plans to make a practice of visiting the leading canning and packaging plants of the Valley in the future.

ture Department as a watermelon inspector. He is president of the Phi Theta Kappa here, and is famous for his excellent cere-brum.

Ina Belle Midgett, of Donna, was named after her twin aunts, Ina and Belle. Her hobbies are volleyball and playing cards. A Texas Operator's License is Ina Belle's goal this spring. She is Worship-Leader at the Methodist Church in Donna, and is part-time assistant in the college library. She likes boys named George. Ina Belle plans to attend Southern Methodist University in Dallas next year. She is an ardent booster of the Bronco athletic teams.

## Matherson, ERC Grad, Marries Austin Girl

A double ring ceremony January 29, at the First Baptist Church in Austin united in marriage Miss Lorena Ann Moon, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lester Allen Moon of Austin and Jerry Lee Matherson, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Matherson of McAllen. Dr. Carlyle Marney read the marriage vows.

Mrs. Matherson is a sophomore student majoring in nutrition at Texas University. Matherson attended ERC and is now a psychology student at Texas University.

### Classified Section . . .

Help Wanted: Three "weightlifters" to assist me in lifting my car from the college lawn. See Milton Clariallo.

## Glee Club Gets New Members

ERC's Glee Club has recently gained new members: Barbara McDougale, Janet Shaley, and Ada Lee Shaffer, sopranos; Beatriz Barrera, alto; Charles Berney, Donald Stout, Fidencio Garza, Romeo Hinojosa, and Walter Kelley, tenors and baritones.

Members of the club are pleased that they are attempting some of the most difficult as well as beautiful choral selections.

Among the selections are: America, My Own, I Heard a Forest Praying, Rocking Chair, A Mighty Fortress, Is Our God, Souls of the Righteous, Bless This House, and Let Every Tongue Adore Thee.

The Glee Club has many invitations to visit Valley churches and high schools and will probably open the Mercedes Fat Stock Show evening program on March 9.

## Photographers Display Prints At Festival

The Rio Grande Valley Photo Club will have three 11x10 prints from each of its members, on display at the McAllen Sports and Hobby Festival, which takes place from Feb. 24 to March 5, according to R. B. Hodge, president. The hobby exhibits will be on display March 3, 4, and 5 in the former J. C. Penney Co. building at Broadway and Austin, in McAllen.

At the last meeting of the photo club, a discussion was held on retouching prints.

New methods and processes and various other subjects interesting to photographers will be discussed at their next meeting on March 2, at 8 o'clock, Mr. Hodge said.

## Pratt Attends Regional Library Conference

Miss Geraldine Pratt, college librarian, will attend a regional meeting of the Texas Library Association in Harlingen, Tuesday.

Presiding officer will be Mattie Ruth Moore, state superintendent of libraries. Mrs. Gus Boole, Edinburg, will speak on "English Books and Libraries."

"We are in the fourth district, comprised of 54 counties," said Miss Pratt, which makes a regional meeting of towns from Kingsville southward a necessity.

Miss Pratt will attend a luncheon at the Reese-Wilmond Hotel and the college division of the conference in the afternoon."

## Paul Moffitt Runs For Office At SMU

Paul Leland Moffitt, son of Mr. and Mrs. Perry Moffitt of McAllen, has announced his candidacy for the office of school of business representative to the Southern Methodist University student council. The election was slated for last week.

Moffitt was a graduate of Newell High School and a former ERC student where he was a member of the student council and co-author of the student constitution. He is a senior student at SMU, studying industrial production management.



## Horses, First Love, Confesses Newcomer John Reed Erwin

Nineteen year-old, six foot, blonds, John Reed Erwin, Donna, has a first love and scrapbook full of pictures and memories, but the girls in it are purely accidental. This love is horses . . . horses in general and quarter-horses in particular.

While talking, John's speech is liberally sprinkled with racing terms and names of horses . . . day-lighted, claim race, Miss Jiggs furlong, handicap, daily double, tout, by a nose, bush race, Lady Kham, part mutual, Miss Princess, win, place or show . . . which gives the feeling that John really knows and loves horses, and that is the truth.

John, transferring from Oklahoma A&M, has always had a horse, but it wasn't until he was a sophomore in Schreiner Institute High School in Kerrville in 1946 that he had the chance to work with quarter-horses. This chance came when the Assistant Commandant, Dayton Stockton, asked him to go with him to Menard, Texas, and help train horses, in addition to attending high school.

For two years John worked with quarter-horses, that is a horse that is a quarter thoroughbred. He entered his first race in Kerrville on Miss Jiggs, and then went to Del Rio, Laredo, New Orleans, Bradley, and New Mexico.

When John first starts talking, one of the first characteristic marks of all trainers and race horse owners is present and that is that they never speak in the past tense about a race; it is never.

## Baseball Schedule Lists Twelve Loop Contests

Edinburg Regional College has a twelve-game baseball schedule. For the first conference game, the Broncos will travel to Wharton in a two-game series starting March 24. On March 31 and April 1, Del Mar College will visit the Broncos. On April 14th and 15th, Edinburg will travel to Victoria Junior College. Wharton will visit the Broncos, April 21 and 22. The Broncos will take the road again, April 28 and 29, for a two-game series with Del Mar at Corpus Christi. The season will wind up here, May 5 and 6, with Victoria Junior College.

Regular workouts are scheduled to begin March 2, but all players are expected to start limbering up their arms now.

## Host, Hostess Relax With 'Backward Party'

The Host and Hostess club had their Backward Party at Eddie's Covered Wagon, Feb. 14.

Fried chicken, French fries and hot biscuits were served to members and Dr. and Mrs. J. Lell Elliott, chaperones.

Club members attending were: Dorothy Layne and Gayle Stowe, Olive Treat and Jerry Marshall, Mary Nan Koen and R. L. Aldridge, Patty Doshier and George Branch, Martha Stevens and E. Hanne Walker, Barbara and Doug Douglas and Tommy Siegrist, Dot Henderson and Bill Reed, Thelma Jean McKinney and C. J. Stansbury.

er "won a race", but instead "win a race."

Next summer, John plans to go back to horse racing and training with the owner of Lady Kham, the first horse John trained by himself, but his main ambition is to return to studying veterinary medicine at Oklahoma A&M.

Being as John moved to Texas from Missouri when he was only 27 day old, he claims to be a real Texan, and here at ERC he ranks as a real cowboy.

## Basketball Team Finishes Season

Edinburg Regional College's basketball team winds up the season in Brownsville, Wednesday night, when they tangle with their arch rivals, the Texas Southwest College Scorpions.

The Broncos boast one victory over the Brownsville crew already this season, but they need several more to avenge the four trouncings handed them last year by a top-notch Scorpion quintet. The Scorpions were hard-bitten by graduation last year and only two first stringers returned this year. They were not capable of carrying the load and the Brownsville five has returned in a disappointing second year.

The Broncos, fifteen strong, will be making the journey with hopes of latching on to a win in their last outing of 1950.

For some the players, it will be their last game for Edinburg Regional College, but it is only the beginning for others as Coach L. A. Red Youngman has built a team that will have to be re-conquered next year.

## Dr. Morton Attends Kansas City Meeting

Dr. Ohland Morton, ERC government teacher, accompanied by Henry Warren of Edinburg, Thomas Pickens and Gordon Nix of Harlingen, last week attended a National Association of Secondary School Principals in Kansas City, Mo.

During his absence, Miss Jo Beth Powell, itinerant teacher of Edinburg Public Schools, is filling his position. She graduated last year from Baylor University.

## Sports Fundamentals

A class in physical training which teaches the fundamentals of football, baseball, basketball, and track will be offered next semester under the direction of coach Frank McClanahan.

The course was offered this semester but because it was not known to the majority of the students only seven boys enrolled. Coach McClanahan hopes to have a much better turn out next semester.

The class is made up of boys who do not take part in the school's interscholastic program, but who like sports well enough that they wish to learn more and become better players. Most of the boys have shown great improvement, not only in the games themselves but also in their body coordination and general health," said Coach McClanahan.

## New Rooms Added To College Dressing Room

Two new rooms have been added to the college athletic dressing room, which is located on the West side of the football field.

Because of the crowded conditions in the storage room, a new room was erected with a floor space  $7\frac{1}{2}$  feet by 18 feet. A first aid room, which is  $7\frac{1}{2}$  feet by 12 feet, joins the new storage room.

Shelves, eight inches apart, will be constructed along the North wall to the ceiling, across the west end to four feet from the bottom on the West side. A rack for equipment will be put in the new equipment room.

## Broncs Lose Two In Uvalde, Laredo

Two conference losses were pinned on the Broncos during last week's road trip by the Uvalde Cowboys and the Laredo Palominos.

After the Broncos' sensational upset of the league-leading Del Mar quintet, Coach Youngman was plainly puzzled as to what his proteges might do on foreign fields, but he allowed that it's always tougher to beat the opposite in their own corral.

Uvalde Cowboys turned the trick with a tight zone and a tall team, 47-43.

Although the score was all even at the half, 22-22; the second stanza was a different story with the Broncos having tremendous difficulty making their shots count.

### Taylor Leads Broncos

Edinburg's J. B. Taylor, playing one of his best games, took high point honors with 18 points. Uvalde's Davis latched on to second billing with 17.

Laredo handed the Broncos their second loss on the following night by a 41-56 score.

Palominos stomped ahead early and never went in error.

### Flores High Point Man

Laredo's Flores took high-point honors with 17, tossing in eight fg's and one charity.

Angel Gonzalez and Oscar Barrera were big guns for the Broncos, dropping a dozen each. Norman Schmidt tossed in eleven.

## Pohlmeier Mentions Tax 'Deductibles'

Alfred Pohlmeier, head of ERC's accounting department, today gave students a little free advice on the coming evils of income tax filing.

You must file if you made over \$600 during the past year. You must file if you made less than \$600, but income taxes were withheld. You'll need the return as a claim for refund.

Taxable are parttime work, radio prizes, and gambling winnings.

Not taxable are G. I. Bill benefits, special dividend on N. S. L. Insurance and unemployment compensation.

Unfortunately, neither you nor your parents can claim your tuition payments as deductions . . . so says Congress.

Martha Stephens: "If you were late, why didn't you take a bus here?"

Hambone Walker: "It won't fit in my garage."

## Del Mar Vikings Take Revenge By Trouncing Edinburg Broncos

Del Mar evened up an old score in winning over Edinburg Regional College 68-37 at Cuddihy Field last Thursday night.

The Vikings jumped to an early lead and were never headed. At one time they were out front by 40 points before Coach Jimmy Jones began pouring in substitutes to coast the rest of the way in.

The upset of the Vikings a short time ago here at Edinburg was one that cost them at least a tie for the South Texas Conference crown.

Del Mar now trails Wharton by one game in the conference race and tonight at Laredo by Laredo Junior College.

The Vikings, while closing out their schedule, will participate in the state junior college tournament.

## Gaudings Defines Two Honor Lists

H. H. Gauding, registrar, has issued a statement in regard to the difference between the two lists of honor students published by the college.

"There is both an honor roll and an honor list. The first is a list of all those making at least a B average. The second is a listing of those students, who for the previous grading period have made no grade lower than B and who are privileged to be absent during the next grading period without filing excuses for absences. The present grading period is from January 30 to March 25."

A total of 92 students have made the honor roll and their names have been published in numerous papers throughout the Valley. Fifty-five students made the honor list and are privileged to ignore the attendance rules until March 25.

## University Head

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lege at Brownsville.

The Campus Players will be in charge of the stage and auditorium for the plays. The Host and Hostess Club will hold a party for the actors and directors at the close of the play festival.

## Fourteen Students

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McAllen, is Assistant Editor of The Beacon, and a member of the Journalism Club, Campus Players, and the Glee Club. Edinburg's Garza Jr., from Mercedes, is Secretary of the Freshman Class, Vice-President of F.T.A., and a member of Bronco Boosters, The Glee Club, and the Student Senate.

Bud Prothero, Sophomore from McAllen, is Vice-President of the Journalism Club, and a member of the Photography Club, and Phi Theta Kappa.

Jim Atwood, Sophomore of Edinburg, is President of Host and Hostess, and the Student Senate.

Carl Gatti, Sophomore from McAllen, is President of Campus Players, and a member of Bronco Boosters, Student Senate, Delta Psi, On, Omega, and Gamma Delta Upsilon.

ment at College Station early next month.

The Norsemen led the Broncos 36-15 at the halfway mark in Thursday's game.

Gordon Bloomfield led Edinburg's scoring, with 16 points pushed through Jaime Gorenza trailed him with 7 points, and Oscar Barrera had 5.

## Klausner Stresses Need For Religion

"One World Under God," a topic applicable to the hour was the subject of Rabbi Ben-Zion Klausner's talk to the student body Feb. 14.

Rabbi Klausner presented religion as the only salvation for the world, pointing out the failure of science today to cope with the problems of human nature.

"There is a need today for re-fashioning our hearts and consciences to develop a discipline of living," he said, "and the proper discipline can be achieved only thru religion."

He stated that religion will make it possible for us to live with science. "Man's machines have not set him free, but tyrannized him; they have extended all education, but it has been an education for death. It has not taught us the secrets of conquering human nature, but human beings. . . . We have used our knowledge to become better murderers."

Rabbi Klausner explained the reason for the buoyancy and optimism at the beginning of century, and the events leading to the present level of scientific achievements.

Again stressing the urgent need for a religious revival he said, "There are essentials by which man has always lived, and unless he continues to do so, he will destroy himself. The essentials are 1. The presence of a Creator, which cannot be denied. 2. Moral law, a part of God's law, of necessity universal in application, and promoting universal language and behavior patterns. 3. Love, between all fellow-men."

"These essentials are part of our inherited ideals. Let us take to heart the good that can emanate from their practice. Choose the good," he concluded.

Rabbi Klausner, of Austin appeared under the auspices of the Jewish Chautauqua Society.

## Noel Ice, Minnie Smith To Wed In Bogalusa

Miss Minnie Lee Smith, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Cleveland Smith of Bogalusa, La., will become the bride of Noel Ice, Jr., son of Dr. and Mrs. Noel C. Ice of McAllen, March 10 at the Pettit Memorial Baptist Church at Bogalusa.

Miss Smith is a 1946 graduate of Bogalusa High School and will graduate March 15 from nurses' training at Bogalusa Medical Center.

The bridegroom graduated from McAllen High School and ERC and is now a senior at Tulane Medical School in New Orleans, La., where the couple will make their home.